

REMARKS

This reply is in response to the Office Action of May 7, 2010 and the Advisory Action of July 22, 2010. Claims 1 – 23 have been previously withdrawn. As such, claims 24 - 30 are pending in the application. Claim 24 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejection – 35 USC §103

Claims 24-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,524,514 to Hadaway et al. (hereinafter, the Hadaway reference) in view of US Patent Application, Publication No. 2001/0028025 A1 to Pease (hereinafter, the Pease reference).

Claim 24 has been amended to recite, in relevant part, “a non-contact measurement and alignment device coupled with the base, the non-contact measurement and alignment device configured to measure a distance and operative with the table saw assembly for determining table saw assembly settings based at least in part on the measured distance;”

Clearly, the Hadaway reference limits its teachings to a fence controller that is operated in response to operator input. The Hadaway reference makes no suggestion to direct the fence by anything other than operator input.

Clearly, the non-contact measurement and alignment device takes measurements and uses those taken measurement to determine table saw assembly settings. This is distinct and contrary from the Hadaway reference which relies solely on measurements input by a user. The Hadaway reference does not teach or suggest using measurements input from anything other than a user. As such, there is no teach or suggestion in the Hadaway reference specification to use measurement inputs from a non-contact measurement device or to combine the teachings of the Hadaway reference with such a device.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that neither the Hadaway nor the Pease references, whether taken alone or in combination teach or suggest the present invention as set forth in the currently pending claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Office reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

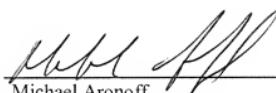
CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this reply is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (410) 716-3689.

No fees or extensions of time are believed necessary for this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees that may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-2548.

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